

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District #4
672 East Main Street
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807**

Minutes of Regular meeting
5/27/2020

Location of meeting:

Virtual

<https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1486498960>

Members:

Allen Kurdyla
Anthony Ranallo
Carl Spolarich
Paul Orloff
Samantha Ally

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Finderne Fire Department was called to order at 7:34 pm on May 27, 2020 by Allen Kurdyla. *Due to social distancing restrictions, this meeting is being held virtually.*

- Salute to the flag.
- Moment of Silence

I. Roll call of Attendance:

Allen Kurdyla; Anthony Ranallo; Carl Spolarich; Paul Orloff ; Samantha Ally
Chief Michael Jannone; President Steve Spolarich; Finderne Rescue Squad – no representative

- Motion to close to go to reorganization meet: S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo

C. Spolarich to chair this portion of the meeting as ranking member not elected this year

- P. Orloff motions all positions remain, but if anyone wishes to change speak
- Motion to accept: C. Spolarich – Second: A. Ranallo
 - Roll Call vote:
 - Ranallo - YES
 - Spolarich - YES
 - Orloff - YES
 - Ally - YES
 - Kurdyla - YES

*Commissioner Kurdyla reelected and duly sworn in by C. Spolarich

Motion to return to normal agenda: A. Ranallo – Second: P. Orloff

Appointments for 2020:

- **2020-1 Board Attorney Authorizing Attorney appointment of Richard Braslow** (see attached)
 - Motion A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff
 - Roll Call vote:
 - Ranallo - YES
 - Spolarich - YES
 - Orloff - YES
 - Ally - YES

- Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
- **2020-2 Accountant Authorizing Accountant appointment of Ken Jinks** (see attached)
Motion A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
 - **2020-3 Auditor Authorizing Auditor appointment of Urban and Jinks** (see attached)
Motion C. Spolarich; Second: P. Orloff
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
 - **2020-4 Bank Authorizing Cash Management Plan at TD Bank** (see attached)
Motion C. Spolarich; Second: P. Orloff
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
 - **2020-5 Meeting Schedule Authorizing 2019 Regular Meeting Schedule being the last Wednesday of the month** (see attached)
Motion A. Ranallo; Second: S. Ally
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
 - **2020-6 Newspaper Authorizing Official Newspaper as the Courier News** (see attached)
Motion C. Spolarich; Second: A. Ranallo
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved
 - **2020-7 Payclaim Approval of Payment of Claims (Bills) with two commissioners' signatures** (see attached)
Motion S. Ally; Second: C. Spolarich
Roll Call vote:
Ranallo - YES
Spolarich - YES
Orloff - YES
Ally - YES
Kurdyla - YES
Motion unanimously approved

- **2020-8 Bond Designates a Surety Bond for Commissioners** (see attached)

Motion A. Ranallo; Second: C. Spolarich

Roll Call vote:

Ranallo - YES

Spolarich - YES

Orloff - YES

Ally - YES

Kurdyla - YES

Motion unanimously approved

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes—C. Spolarich; Second – P. Orloff

Motion unanimously approved

Note: No March and April meeting due to quarantine

III. Treasurer's Report

March and April mandatory bills paid – reflected in mandatory documents

The Treasurer's report for March 25, 2020

The Treasurer's report for April 29, 2020

The Treasurer's report for May 27, 2020 was distributed and reviewed.

Motion to accept report– S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo

Motion unanimously approved

HazMat check

\$10,000 check to be paid to fire department to pay members who attended call be paid

Motion to accept report– C. Spolarich; Second – A. Ranallo

Motion unanimously approved

IV. Presentation of Fire Department and Rescue Squad Bills

The monthly bills were distributed and reviewed in the treasurer's report.

March Bills:

Motion to pay bills– A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff;

Motion unanimously approved

April Bills:

Motion to pay bills– A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff;

Motion unanimously approved

May Bills: \$9,916.36

Motion to pay bills– A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff;

Motion unanimously approved

V. Correspondence

A. Email correspondence with Pam Brown of VFIS re: removing Mini Pumper from insurance

B. Email correspondence with M. Jannone of FFD re: Quote

C. Email correspondence with M. Jannone of FFD re: Disaster Declaration

D. Email correspondence with M. Jannone of FFD re: Apparatus Decontamination

E. Letter correspondence with Finderne Fire Department re: Executive Order

F. Letter correspondence with Finderne Fire Department re: Special Order 20-01

G. Letter correspondence re:COVID-19- Purchase and Distribution of Food.04.11.20.FINAL.PDF

H. Letter correspondence with Braslow re: Pay to Play law

I. Letter correspondence with Steward Stevenson re: credit/bill

VI. Old Business

- A. 2020-9 Bond Authorizing Sale of Personal Property (see attached)
 - 1. Donating Mini Pumper to a Fire Department in Pennsylvania
 - 2. Needed a hold harmless agreement
 - 3. A. Kurdyla spoke to Braslow
 - 4. S. Ally registers a concern about the piece being taken off insurance and sent out of state without an official public meeting and vote.
 - 5. A. Kurdyla read the Resolution out loud
 - Motion A. Ranallo; Second: C. Spolarich
 - Roll Call vote:
 - Ranallo - YES
 - Spolarich - YES
 - Orloff - YES
 - Ally - NAY
 - Kurdyla - YES
 - Motion approved
- *** A. Kurdyla motioned at the June meeting to have the minutes reflect this issue was discussed in February
- B. New Rescue
 - a. Contacts made to members of the co-op
 - b. A committee will move forward to address the project
 - c. All contacts confirmed interest
 - d. A. Kurdyla established Co-chairs on committee M. Jannone and A. Ranallo
 - Motion C. Spolarich; Second: P. Orloff
 - Motion approved
- C. Incentive Program
 - a. A. Kurdyla proposes a single rate v. performance
 - b. A. Kurdyla proposes a \$5 per call rate based on chief's recommendation and duty responses
 - c. A. Kurdyla asks for M. Jannone to put on June meeting agenda
 - d. A. Kurdyla will set up parameters and present at June meeting
 - Motion A. Ranallo; Second: P. Orloff
 - Motion approved

VII. New Business

- A. Proposal for a contractor to clean apparatus due to work detail suspension
 - a. Current bid for 2020 \$2,500 from A. Akins
 - Motion A. Ranallo; Second: C. Spolarich
 - Motion approved

VIII. Chief's report

- A. Apparatus Report
 - 1. 301
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. See attached
 - A. 302
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. See attached
 - B. 303
 - a. Repairs Made
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs Needed
 - A. See attached

- 3. Tower 30
 - a. Repairs Made:
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. See attached
- 4. Rescue 30
 - a. Repairs:
 - A. See attached
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. see attached
- 5. Mini Pumper
 - a. Donated prior to meeting
- 6. Car 30
 - a. Repairs
 - A. see attached
 - b. Repairs needed
 - A. see attached

B. Fire Calls

- 1. 15 calls in April
- 2. Fire call man hours: 234
- 3. Work detail, training and meeting hours: 347

C. New Jersey HazMat

- 1. Of the \$10,000 Check written to Fire company \$4,083.93 for apparatus (67 hours of apparatus work)
- 2. \$5,810. Should go to members for man hours
- 3. A. Kurdyla stated C. Spolarich's intent is to pay the members who responded.

D. No members have come down with Covid-19 thus far

E. Bridgewater Township Bureau of Fire Prevention

- 1. Down to 1 inspector
- 2. FFD was not notified
- 3. M. Jannone states this is unacceptable

F. Speedway

- 1. Out of service for 2 months
- 2. M. Jannone looking for guidance

G. All further comments – see attached

H. Grant to purchase saw

Motion to support request: A. Ranallo - Second: C. Spolarich
Motion approved

*A. Kurdyla thanks the chief for keeping department safe
Needs March Chief's report

IX. Presidents report

*A. Kurdyla thanks S. Spolarich
A. No company meetings due to Covid-19

X. New Members

N/A

XI. Resigning Members

N/A

XII. Status Changes

N/A

XIII. Finderne Rescue Squad Report

No report

XIV. Public Portion

- A. Motion to open to the public at 8:23 pm by S. Ally; Second – A. Ranallo;
Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to close public portion of meeting at 8:24 pm to go back to public portion by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich

- . Motion unanimously approved.

XV. Adjourn meeting

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm by S. Ally; Second – C. Spolarich;
Motion unanimously approved.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on June 24, 2020 tentatively at
Finderne Fire House
672 East Main St
Bridgewater, NJ 08806

Respectfully submitted by: Samantha Ally

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Bridgewater, COUNTY OF Somerset**

Resolution # 2020-1

**Authorizing Appointment of Attorney
for the 2020-2021 Year
Richard M. Braslow**

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for legal services to be provided to the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, concerning various responsibilities undertaken by the Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment to this position as referenced above for the year of 2020-2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, provides that a governing body may award a contract without public advertising for competitive bidding where the nature of said contract is in the form of a professional service; and,

WHEREAS, the subject resolution providing for the awarding of a contract relative to professional services and the notice of the award of contract shall be available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides that a notice of the award of said contract shall be published in a newspaper, said advertisement stating the nature, duration and amount of the contract.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, as follows:

(1) Richard M. Braslow, Esq., is hereby appointed to provide legal services to the Commissioners relative to any and all issues presented to the Commissioners pursuant to any of its obligations or responsibilities. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Bridgewater, COUNTY OF Somerset**

Resolution # 2020-2

**Authorizing Appointment of Accountant
for the 2020-2021 Year
Urban and Jinks LLC**

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for certain accounting services to be provided to the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, concerning various responsibilities undertaken by said Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment to this position as referenced above for the 2020-2021 year; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., provides that a governing body may award a contract without public advertising for competitive bidding where the nature of said contract is in the form of a professional service; and,

WHEREAS, the subject resolution providing for the awarding of this contract relative to professional services, and the notice of award of said contract shall be made available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides that a notice of the award of said contract be published in a newspaper, said advertisement stating the nature, duration and amount of the contract.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, as follows:

(1) Kenneth Jinks is hereby appointed to provide accounting services to the Commissioners. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal as submitted and attached hereto.

(2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Bridgewater, COUNTY OF Somerset**

Resolution # 2020-3

**Authorizing Appointment of Auditor
for the 2020-2021 Year
Urban And Jinks LLC**

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for certain auditing services to be provided to the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, concerning various responsibilities undertaken by said Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment to this position as referenced above for the 2021-2021 year; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, provides that a governing body may award a contract without public advertising for competitive bidding where the nature of said contract is in the form of a professional service; and,

WHEREAS, the subject resolution providing for the awarding of this contract relative to professional services, and the notice of award of said contract shall be made available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides that a notice of the award of said contract be published in a newspaper, said advertisement stating the nature, duration and amount of the contract.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, as follows:

(1) **Kenneth Jinks** is hereby appointed to provide auditing services to the Commissioners together with assistance in preparation of the 2021 budget and for establishment and maintenance of the necessary documentation consistent with the requirements and the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs and with the New Jersey statutes. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal as submitted and attached hereto.

(2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Bridgewater, COUNTY OF Somerset**

Resolution # 2020-4

**Adoption of Cash Management Plan
TD Bank**

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and,

WHEREAS, Subchapter 3, Section 5:31-3.1(a) provides that the governing body shall, by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, adopt a cash management plan, which shall include the designation of a depository, the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund or a public depository or depositories.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, as follows:

(1) This resolution shall act as a formal adoption by the Commissioners of a cash management plan, which shall allow for official depositories of the Commissioners to be The State Cash Management Fund and/or TD Bank.

Resolution # 2020-5

**Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule
for the 2020-2021 Year**

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Section 13, requires a public body to post and maintain posted, to distribute to designated newspapers, and to further file with the Municipal Clerk for the purpose of public inspections, a schedule of the regular meetings of such public body to be held during the calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, such schedule of regular meetings is required to contain the location of each meeting, to the extent that it is known, and the time and date of each meeting; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Section 3-D, provides that where the annual notice or revisions thereof, in compliance with sections of the subject act, set forth the location, time and date of any meeting, no further action shall be required for such meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, as follows:

(1) All regular meetings of the Commissioners shall take place on the Last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Finderne Firehouse, 672 East Main Street, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

January 29, 2020	July 29, 2020
February 26, 2020	August 26, 2020
March 25, 2020	September 30, 2020
April 29, 2020	October 28, 2020
May 27, 2020	November 25, 2020
June 24, 2020	December 30, 2020

(2) A summary of this resolution shall be mailed to the Courier News and the Star Ledger

(3) A summary of this resolution shall be posted and shall be maintained on the official bulletin board of the Township of Bridgewater, shall be posted on the official bulletin board of the Commissioners, and shall also be kept on file by the Municipal Clerk for purposes of public inspection

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Bridgewater, COUNTY OF Somerset**

Resolution # 2020-6

**Designation of Official Newspapers for
Publications for the 2020-2021 Year**

Courier News and/or Star Ledger

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, must, by statutory law, publish various items in order to comply with said requirements of statutory law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of designating various newspapers as official newspapers in which the Commissioners may publish its various items during the 2014-2020 year.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

Resolution # 2020 - 7

Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities, and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.1(e) provides that payment of claims by the fire district shall be by check on the fire district and signed by the governing body chairman, the chief financial officer and countersigned by such other officer or officials as designated by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.2 further provides that the Commissioners, at their reorganizational meeting, designate, by resolution, the individuals whose signatures shall appear on checks drawn upon the treasury of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.1(f) provides that the Commissioners shall, by resolution passed by not less than the majority of the full membership, further designate the manner in which the time in which salaries, wages or other compensation for services shall be paid.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, as follows:

(1) The checks as issued by the Commissioners for payment of claims shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by two other Commissioners in order that the Commissioners comply with the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board and as set forth herein.

(2) No more than one stamp facsimile shall be used on any particular check in place of a handwritten signature.

(3) The manner in which and the time in which compensation for services rendered by employees of the Commissioners shall be paid shall be in accordance with individual employment contracts. The Commissioners' salaries shall be paid as determined by the Commissioners.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF Bridgewater, COUNTY OF Somerset**

Resolution # 2020-8

Designating Surety Bonding for Commissioners

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WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities, and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 6, Section 5:31-6.1 provides that the fire district shall, by resolution, designate employees and officials required to furnish surety bonds and determine minimum bonds for each such employee and official; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, deem it necessary to provide bonding for the Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, as follows:

1. All Commissioners shall be bonded in the amount of approximately \$ 5,000,000.00.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT No. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF
SOMERSET**

RESOLUTION # 2020 - 9

Authorizing Sale of Personal Property

WHEREAS, the Fire District is the owner of a 1986 Ford F 350 Mini Pumper and surplus equipment, which are no longer needed for public use and are of minimal value; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District is desirous of donating the 1986 Ford F 350 Mini Pumper and surplus equipment to Excelsior Hose Co. #1, 401 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant, PA, in an "as-is" condition, without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, in the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset as follows:

(1) The 1986 Ford F 350 Mini Pumper and surplus equipment shall be conveyed to Excelsior Hose Co. #1 pursuant to the terms and conditions as set forth above and further based upon the execution by the party receiving the property of a hold harmless and indemnification agreement.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT No. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF
SOMERSET**

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Excelsior Hose Co. #1 hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Bridgewater Fire District No. 4 and the Commissioners of Bridgewater Fire District No. 4 from any and all claims and liability concerning use of a 1986 Ford F 350 Mini Pumper and surplus equipment by Excelsior Hose Co. #1 or any third party. It further acknowledges same is conveyed to it in an “*as-is*” condition without express or implied warranties.

Excelsior Hose Co. #1

By:_____

Dated:

EXECLSIOR HOSE CO. #1
421 LACKAWANNA AVENUE
OLYPHANT, PA. 18447
570-307-5085

Mr. Allen Kurdyla
Fire Commissioner
Chairman of the Board Fire Commission District 4
672 East Main Street
Bridge Water Twp. N.J. 08807

Mr. Kurdyla,

On behalf of Excelsior Hose Company # 1 I would like to thank Mr. Kevin Dristol, Chief, Green Knoll Fire Department and the member of Green Knoll Fire Company for thinking about us with regard to the 1983 Ford Mini Pumper. As you know we are a small Volunteer Fire/Rescue Company. We provide coverage for approximately 5 square miles within our community which has a population of approximately 5500. Our company responds to numerous accident and fire calls, taped sprinkler/automatic alarms within our jurisdiction. We also provide mutual aid coverage for several communities within our area. Our community has 3 Senior Citizens High Rise Apartment Buildings that require us to seek mutual aid from adjoining Fire Companies when Ladder Truck assistance is needed.

This Mini Pumper would assist us with deployment and firefighting operations in narrow alleys and other tight areas. Several wards within our community are prone to flooding and this unit would be used during flooding operations (pumping and wash down).

I would also like to thank Chief Michael Jannone, Finderne Fire Department and the members of Green Knoll Fire Company for allowing my wife and me to look at and take pictures of this Mini Pumper on January 31, 2020. I also understand that through your Fire District there maybe some additional equipment available. If there is this would be our Wish List:

Pike Poles
Axes
Forcible Entry Tools
Rope
Safety Harness Equipment
2 1/2 and 1 1/2 Nnozzles
Storz Adapters
2 1/2 Caps Adapters

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Fire Districts

FROM: Richard M. Braslow, Esq.

DATE: May 11, 2020

SUBJECT: New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law

Enclosed is my Business Entity Disclosure Certification as required by the above legislation which is self-explanatory. If you have any questions please contact me.

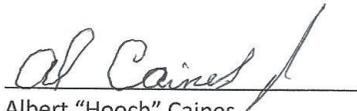
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3" Suction
1 3/4 or 2" Hose
Lighting Units
Portable Pump 3 1/2
SCBA Equipment (Spare Tanks, Mask, etc.)
Helmets
Turn Out Gear

We would appreciate any consideration given to our Wish List. Also, Excelsior Hose Company would like to make a donation to your fund.

Looking forward to hearing from you, thanks again.

Respectfully,



Albert "Hooch" Caines
Chief Driver/Engineer



David Tully
President Excelsior Hose Company # 1
Olyphant Borough Fire Chief

Oath of Allegiance

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state, under the authority of the people.

I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will impartially and justly perform all the duties of the office of _____ according to the best of my ability.

Address _____

Sworn and subscribed before me this
___ day of _____, 2020

Re. Credit on statement

Fire Commissioners <Fire_Commissioners@hotmail.com>

Mon 4/27/2020 3:50 PM

To: c.manara@SSSS.com <c.manara@SSSS.com>

Cc: Carl Spolarich <carl1944@verizon.net>

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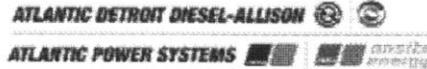
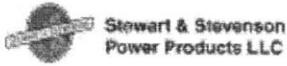
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I spoke to someone in your office today and they told me to send this e-mail to you. Please apply the credit to the outstanding invoice of \$675.00 and return the difference to the address below.

Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater Fire District #4
672 E. Main Street
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Sorry for the delay but I have been calling a wrong number, leaving messages, and never getting a call back.

Carl Spolarich
Commissioner/Treasurer
908 526-3987



STATEMENT

CUSTOMER NO.	STATEMENT DATE
66661	4/30/20

BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT #4
672 E. MAIN STREET

BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS
PAYABLE AND REMIT TO:

STEWART & STEVENSON POWER PRODUCTS LLC

P.O. Box 950 • Lodi, New Jersey 07644

Phone: (201) 489-5800

INVOICE DATE	INVOICE NO	CODE	PURCHASE ORDER	INVOICE AMOUNT	PAYMENT	BALANCE
1/16/20	2595071	3		15740.07	17328.06	1587.99-
1/17/20	2595238	3	VOUCHER	675.00	.00	675.00
FOR MORE INFO ABOUT OUR PRODUCTS, PARTS AND SERVICES VISIT WWW.ATLANTICDDA.COM						

CURRENT	PAST DUE 30 DAYS	PAST DUE 60 DAYS	PAST DUE 90 DAYS	PAST DUE OVER 90 DAYS
.00	.00	.00	912.99-	.00

CODES
1-PARTS INVOICE
2-ENGINE SALES INVOICE
3-SERVICE INVOICE
4-CASH ON ACCOUNT
5-DEBIT MEMO
6-CREDIT MEMO
7-FINANCE CHARGE
8-OTHER

IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS, A SERVICE CHARGE OF 1 1/2 % WILL BE CHARGED ON THE UNPAID BALANCE. ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE 18%

FINANCE CHARGE
PAY THIS AMOUNT
912.99-

Request for Information

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #4, Bridgewater Township New Jersey has authorized, with voter approval, the formation of a committee to begin the process of creating a specification to replace a 1990 Heavy Duty Rescue Truck. The committee consists of members of the FINDERNE Fire Department and a liaison from the Board of Fire Commissioners. The Fire District is a complex mix of residential, industrial and commercial usages, along with major highway and rail systems consisting of both freight and passenger lines.

This document is a Request for Information, to be referred to as an RFI, from vendors interested in this project. This document will describe the scope of the project along with objectives that we hope to accomplish. Based on information supplied the objective is for interested vendors to supply custom specifications and examples of apparatus already built that may fit the scope of the project. These examples should include written specifications, CAD drawings and price points.

The committee will provide a complete inventory of equipment already carried by the present apparatus known from this point as R30. The equipment inventory will be reviewed during the project for upgrade or replacement purposes. Bids will include equipment purchase.

These additional items will be addressed as part of the project.

- The Hurst hydraulic extrication equipment on the truck does not meet the industry standard of today dealing with Boron steel construction. All of the equipment is 5,000 PSI and will be upgraded to a 10,000 PSI systems.
- The torch system will be supplemented with a slice pak system for easy of operation.
- A portable foam system will be discussed to assist with the mission of the truck and potential manpower shortages that everyone is facing today.
- The present apparatus is deficient with stabilization struts and cribbing. The interstate highway and rail systems in the District make it necessary to upgrade in these areas for the proper operation and success of our objectives.

R30 has served the Fire District for the past 30 years. R30 is on a single rear axle. The overall length of the truck is 37' 1", a wheelbase of 242.5", a height of 10' 7.25" with a loaded weight of approximately 37,000 pounds. The apparatus is powered by a Detroit 8V 92 TA diesel motor with the appropriate transmission and rear. This drive train seems to be adequate for the area we traverse. The apparatus as it sits today has met all the objectives the department had set for it.

R30 serves many different functions for the department. Its primary functions are vehicle extrication, industrial accident response, unlimited air supply and the manufacturing of Grade E air from a 17 CFM Bauer compressor system with an Eagle Air purification system. This air system will be an integral part of the replacement truck with no exceptions including the addition of a Sierra Booster Pump. Another primary mission of R30 is Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) response. The Finderne Fire Department is one of the few departments in the area that train extensively in this mission. The new apparatus must seat 10 members. R30 has many secondary and support missions for the Fire District and surrounding towns. These responses include but are not limited to, trench rescue, high angle rescue, water rescue, ice rescue, urban search and rescue and hazardous material incidents.

Vendors interested in this project will also need to supply a customer list of recent deliveries of this type of apparatus in the area. A history of your company and the history of the company who will be building the apparatus. It is highly recommended that the apparatus be single source for warranty and craftsmanship concerns. Service after the sale is more important than the actual purchase itself. It is requested you supply details of your service facility and mobile service is a must. Information concerning out of service repairs is mandatory to include after hours and weekends.

Interested vendors must be approved by The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #4. It will be their sole determination if this project will proceed through a formal bidding process or through another legally authorized means. It is requested that interested parties notify the Board of Fire Commissioners no later than June 1, 2020 by Certified Mail sent to 672 East Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. Failure to do so may disqualify you from the project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen F. Kurdyla
Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater Township
Fire District **No.4**

CC: A.Ranallo
Chief M. Jannone

Ferrara

FIREFIGHTER ONE

34 Wilson Drive

Sparta, NJ 07871

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First Priority Emergency Vehicles

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Manchester, NJ 08759

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Fire & Safety Services, Ltd.

200 Ryan Street

South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater Township
Fire District No. 4
672 East Main Street
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

April 30, 2020

First Priority Emergency Vehicles
2444 Ridgeway Blvd, #500
Manchester, NJ 08759

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April 30, 2020

FireFighter One
34 Wilson Drive
Sparta, NJ 07871
Attn: Apparatus Sales

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South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080

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April 2020

Chief's Report

COVID 19

Calls

Alarm Activations	3
Smoke Condition	1
Motor Vehicle Fires	1
Mutual Aid (21,23,37,52,57,61)	10

Total Calls	15
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Hours

Calls	237
Work Details	74
Training	0
Drills	36

Total Man Hours	347
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Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas Marshall Jr.

Deputy Chief

Michael Jannone <jannone1959@gmail.com>

to Anthony, Allen, Anthony, Carl, me, Thomas, Keith

Attached is a quote for exterior maintenance on the apparatus. During this time of restricted assembly I feel this is something to seriously consider. Every year we maintain a program to mechanically take care of the apparatus as such I believe each unit should also be professionally detailed, yearly to protect the investment made. Engine 302 is not included at this point, however I would like to see it done in the fall. I would like permission to proceed and schedule this work.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael D Jannone Chief
Finderne Fire Department

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Arthur R Akins** <k980@verizon.net>

Date: Mon, May 25, 2020, 12:40 PM

Subject: Quote

To: jannone1959@gmail.com <jannone1959@gmail.com>

Chief Jannone,

First I would like to thank you for considering me for servicing your department's apparatuses. Each apparatus will take approximately 8 hours to complete except for the Tower, which will take approximately one day and a half due to extending the latter and servicing as much as possible. Each apparatus's paint will be polished, waxed, and then sealed. The chrome will be polished and protected. The wheels both painted and aluminum will be polished and protected. All windows will be cleaned and then coated with a Rain X type protectant. Per your request, please find below a quote for the following apparatuses:

Engine 301- \$500.00
Engine 303- \$500.00
Rescue - \$600.00
Tower Chasis-\$ 500.00
Tower Ladder-\$400.00

Total=\$ 2,500.00

This total includes First Responder discount. Again, thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Akins

Date: March 22, 2020

To: All Members of the Funderne Fire Department

From: President Stephen Spolarich
Chief Michael D. Jannone

Subject: Executive Order 107/COVID 19 Department Protocol

Unfortunately, due to the circumstances surrounding the issues that we are facing, we must take certain precautions to abide by Executive Order 107, issued by Governor Phil Murphy that went into effect on Saturday March 21, 2020 at 9:00 P.M. The number one priority is the well-being of each and every member and their families, with no exceptions. This order allows for the continuing operation of the fire department as an essential service. However, as Fire Chief I must take certain measures to ensure that you, our most valuable asset, remains healthy for your families. Below are the procedures that will be set while under this declaration. I understand that not everyone will be happy about what is being instituted, but from my understanding violations while under this executive order could be construed as act of disorderly conduct.

Members Response to Calls: A feature is available on I am Responding which allows members to show their availability to answer calls. It would be extremely helpful that during this time it is used. The feature allows a time parameter of availability. It will allow responding officers the ability to determine a proper response and to release members more expeditiously if not needed, therefore minimizing any potential exposure. I ask your cooperation in attempting to utilize the feature for everyone's benefit. As always it is imperative that upon dispatch you utilize the standard, I Am Responding feature so that Chiefs know to respond directly to the scene or to the firehouse. Lastly, if any firefighter or member of their family experience any flu like symptoms, please stay home. Also, if you are experiencing any symptoms for you or your family advise me immediately. I will do whatever I can to make sure you have what you need for your family while recovering.

Apparatus Response to Alarms: Engine 303 will be the primary unit to all fire calls except for confirmed structure fire calls. The engine will respond with a minimum crew of four firefighters to comply with the 2 in 2 out provision. This engine was chosen as the cab is the closest to a clean cab concept we have for ease of decontamination. Decontaminate this engine along with any other responding apparatus immediately after returning to the firehouse. The highest-ranking officer in service will determine what other apparatus will respond, depending on the situation. Additional members responding should stage at the firehouse and await instructions, keeping social distancing in mind.

Apparatus Checks: Throughout this time period the fire apparatus must be kept in a serviceable condition. I ask the head drivers and their assistants to work with the company officer designated to their truck to work out a weekly schedule. The most important objective are the air packs, radios and the main mission of the apparatus you are checking. After these have been checked go over the truck to make sure all the equipment is accounted for.

The below will be the chain of command for task:

Tower & Rescue: Deputy Chief Thomas Marshall
Engines: Assistant Chief Keith Binkley
Tower 30: Captain Christian Fernandez
Rescue 30: Captain Alex Gillespie
Engine 301: Lt. Jerold Solomon
Engine 302: Chief Engineer Dave Bereheiko
Engine 303: Lt. Kevin Bereheiko.

All work details, drills, training or miscellaneous activities are cancelled until further notice. It is understood that for sanitary reasons some cleanups will have to be accomplished as we are still using certain facilities during fire calls. Members on the cleanup calendar are asked to complete these tasks. If a member is assigned a task and is uncomfortable with it, please contact the Chief or President. Again, this is for basic, minimum cleaning for hygiene purposes. The gym and lounge are closed and are not to be used or congregated in. No exceptions until President Spolarich feels it to be appropriate and the Executive Order has been amended. Executive and Line Officers should only be in the firehouse to conduct business that is absolutely necessary for the operation of the fire department. Bottom line no one should be in the building except for answering fire calls or conducting department business to keep the department operating.

Due to work schedules being adjusted through this pandemic, response to fire calls may become large. We want to be cognizant of this as we again want to maintain social distancing while in the building. Using I am Responding may help with this issue as voluntary duty crews could be established with the information available on the program. If a duty crew is established that would be a response from home not in the firehouse. Its only going to take one infected person to potentially wipe out the entire department. We are more likely to get contaminated by one of our own than by someone on a call.

In closing I want to thank each and every member and your families for your cooperation as we go through this pandemic. This too shall pass but until then it is my responsibility to do the best I can to keep you safe.

Respectfully Yours:

Michael D. Jannone, Chief

Stephen Spolarich, President



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Special Order 20-01

Due to the current public safety health emergency regarding COVID-19 / Coronavirus, until further notice, there will be a change to our current on scene investigation procedures. These changes are designed to protect the health of our firefighters and the public by limiting face-to-face exposure. Any additional changes in the future will be announced.

Prior to entering a building, ask the following questions

1. Are you experiencing any flu like symptoms?
2. Is anyone in the residence experiencing any flu like symptoms?
3. ~~Has anyone in the residence been in contact with anyone who was experiencing flu like symptoms?~~
4. ~~Has anyone in the residence traveled outside the country since February?~~
5. ~~Has anyone in the residence been in contact with anyone who traveled outside the country since February?~~

If the answer to all these questions are **NO**, then proceed to conduct your investigation as normal while limiting the number of firefighters entering the residence as possible.

If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, follow the below procedure:

1. Don (2) pair of medical gloves
2. (2) firefighters will don full PPE including face piece and SCOTT Model 74 Twin Cartridge Respirator.
3. Both firefighters will conduct their investigation as quickly as possible, limiting the surfaces that are touched.
4. Upon exiting, the firefighter will remove the first pair of medical gloves and discard them. While still wearing the second pair, the firefighter will remove all PPE and place in a plastic bag. The firefighter will then remove the second pair of medical gloves and discard them.
5. Once returned to the firehouse, the firefighters gear and SCBA will be immediately washed and disinfected.
6. All members are to wash their hands with soap and water upon returning to the station.

Please take all precautions at home, work and the fire department to keep the spread to a minimum.

May 27, 2020

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

CHIEFS REPORT

CHIEF ENGINEERS REPORT

The Board has received the operations order and the executive order regarding department protocol dated March 22, 2020 regarding the COVID 19 pandemic. As of this meeting I have not been informed of any members coming down with the virus. I am mandated weekly to report to the Division of Fire Safety on the status of the department. Due to these restriction's apparatus maintenance has been based on equipment checks for serviceability. I would like to monitor the statistics for this month before moving forward on opening-up work details, even though the governor has increased the number of people that can gather. I have forwarded to the board a proposal for having the apparatus professionally detailed. I know that in years past that this has been approved. As I stated in my email concerning this topic, I believe each piece should be done each year. With our call volume increasing this will ease the burden on protecting the districts investments.

I want to make the Board aware the Bridgewater Township Bureau of Fire Prevention is down to one fire inspector. My understanding that one full time inspector and one part time inspector was terminated along with a part time employee that was doing fire alarm inspections for home resale. Fire Official Carl Mc Aleer was placed on administrative leave but has since been reassigned to doing fire sub code official duties. The township never formally notified this board or me about this situation, which is unacceptable. Unfortunately, this is an ongoing situation with this department in the township as it is never funded nor staffed properly for the size of Bridgewater.

Speed Way where we purchase our diesel fuel will be out of service for approximately two months while they undergo a fuel tank replacement program. Guidance on this topic is requested.

All training is being conducted virtually by Deputy Chief Marshall. Jerold Solomon and Brian Pinto are completing their Fire Officer I class virtually also.

The KNOX Boxes have been installed in all the apparatus and are functioning properly.

All apparatus has completed their annual pump tests, hose tests and ground ladder testing. We are awaiting final reports from Technical Fire Services and no out of service issues were indicated. Tower 30 is pending its annual aerial testing and I am awaiting a date for completion. The hose failures were mostly 2 ½ handline sections. An assessment will be made if replacement is necessary. Jerold Solomon and Steve Neiderle conducted maintenance on the trucks while the hose was off. Their compensation for them was approved by Chairman Kurdyla.

Annual extrication equipment service, fire extinguisher service and certification and air pack flow test certification are in the process of being scheduled.

Five gas detectors have had their semi-annual calibration completed.

A donation of hand sanitizer was received today from Bausch located on Somerset Corporate Boulevard.

A grant was awarded to the department in the amount of \$1,400.00 from New Jersey American Water. This money will be utilized to purchase a battery-operated circular saw for Rescue 30 to be utilized in enclosed areas.

I request permission to finish the nozzle standardization project for Engine's 301/303 and Tower 30. This project was initiated with the Engine 302 refurbishment. This enables all pump operators to flow the same pressures and gallons per minute on any piece of equipment in the building thus simplifying and making safe

hose advancement. Completing this project will also allow me to focus on the Rescue 30 replacement project.